

# State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

## VOLUNTEER WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action, no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations, such as Volunteer Centers; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, volunteers work in their communities, utilizing their time and talent to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 15-21, 2007, service projects will be performed all over this great Nation, and volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, volunteers have the power to fight the pervasive feeling of social disconnection experienced by so many Americans, especially young people; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive Nation; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has distributed more than \$25 million in grant funds to programs in the state that are focused on service; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina experienced a 25.6% increase in volunteers from 2002-2005, ranked second nationally, according to the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes the value of volunteers and proudly joins the Nation in celebrating *National Volunteer Week*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2007, as "**VOLUNTEER WEEK**" in North Carolina, and I urge my fellow citizens to step forward and volunteer.



*Michael F. Easley*  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.